

RHIC Polarimetry: p-Carbon

Status

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- **The schematics is not valid any more.** See next slide

All detectors:

replaced preamps
Q→I sensitive, faster
10's nS → ~ 10 nS
reduced pileup

4 BNL det. @ 45°

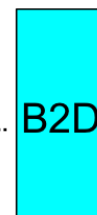
new ceramic, improved grounding

2 Hamamatsu det. @ 90°



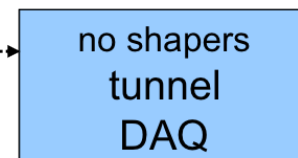
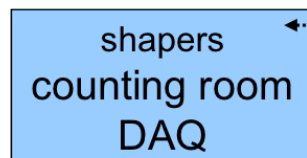
6 usual BNL det.

presently one det. no signal,
bias problem?



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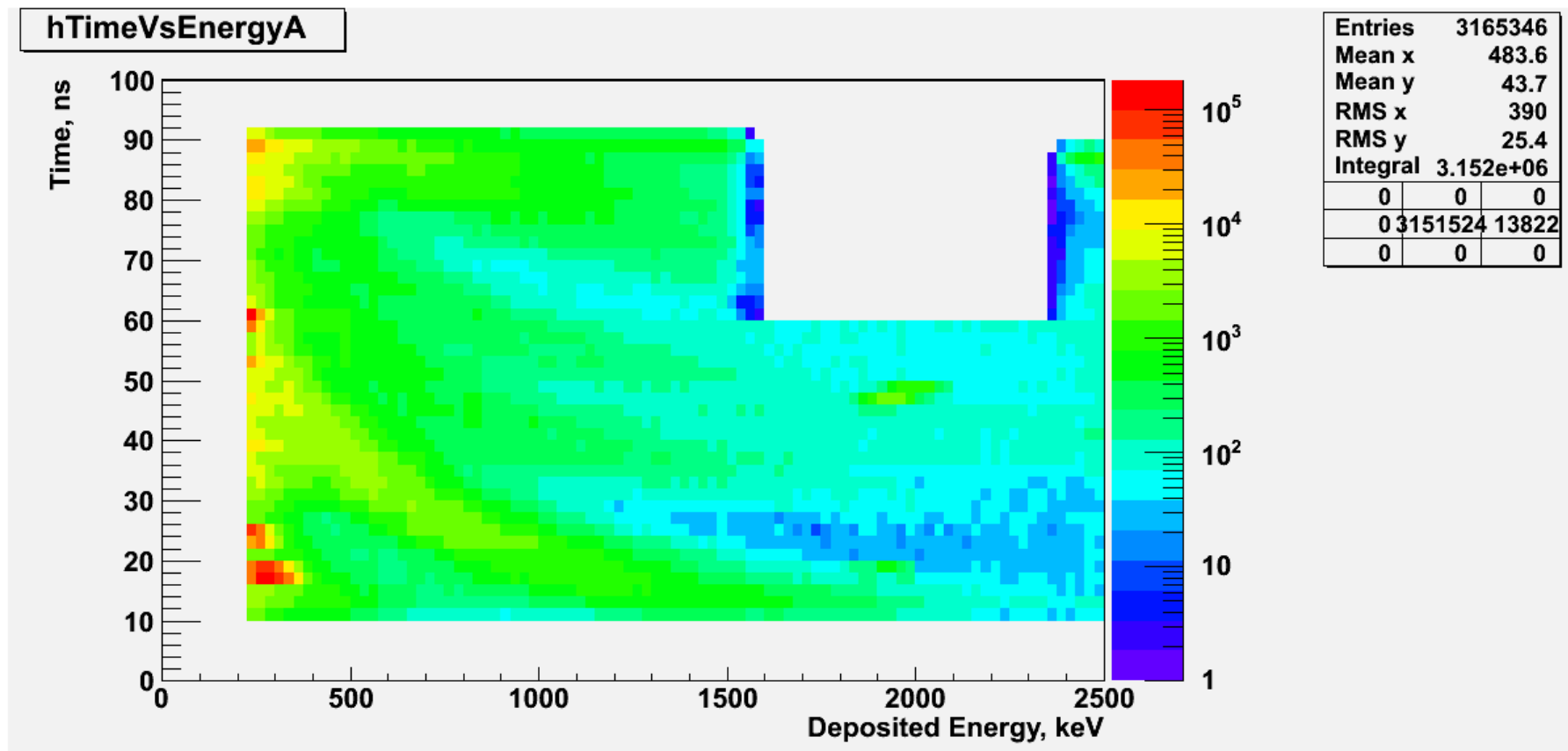
4 BNL det. new ceramic
2 Hamamatsu det.



- Upstream polys. only new preamps
- Downstream: new det./ceramics,
shorter cable to DAQ, no shapers
⇒ reduced pulse degradation

- Week 02/11 - 02/18
 - Over the weekend took some runs with downstream polarimeters
 - First look reveals that the Hamamatsu detectors are noisy and should be masked out from the readout when HV is off
 - YD looked fine, BD had BZ problem
 - Moved inside-the-tunnel DAQ system (YD and BD) to the counting room
 - Tested with pulser and alpha calibration runs
 - YD looks ok and stable
 - BD has an intermittent problem with BZ signal
 - With the system outside it is easier to track down the problem with BZ signal

BZ Signal Problem



- Continue improving the offline analysis framework
 - Improved offline database
 - Keeps track of unresponsive/masked channels, empty bunches, common calibration files, etc.
 - No HBOOK histograms
 - No intermediate perl/shell scripts
 - Decreased time from about 30-60 min to 5-10 min per run
 - There is still lots of room for improvement
 - Code in SVN <https://svn.bnl.gov/cnipol/>
- When compare online and offline numbers keep in mind:
 - Offline polarization includes a -15% correction from Run09
 - Online and offline apply different energy corrections (under investigation)

- Fill 15150, Friday, February 11

Run	Blue, Upstream	Yellow, Upstream
001	37.5 ± 3.2	47.7 ± 2.3
002	36.2 ± 3.0	43.2 ± 1.9
003	30.9 ± 3.3	43.1 ± 1.7
004	74.3 ± 18.9	41.8 ± 2.1
005	29.7 ± 5.3	39.9 ± 3.7

- Polarization decays with time
- Blue polarization is consistently lower
- $E_{\text{beam}} = 250 \text{ GeV}$
- More info available at <http://yellowpc.rhic.bnl.gov/rundb/>

- Fill 15154, Saturday, February 12

Run	Blue, Upstream	Yellow, Upstream
001	51.1 ± 3.4	51.1 ± 2.7
002	37.4 ± 2.5	45.0 ± 2.1
003	38.6 ± 3.0	43.2 ± 2.4
004	38.5 ± 3.0	32.0 ± 2.8
005	37.1 ± 3.0	29.9 ± 3.0
006	35.5 ± 2.9	—
007	34.3 ± 2.9	24.7 ± 3.1
008	11.2 ± 15.9	29.6 ± 2.9

- Polarization decays with time
- First run $E_{\text{beam}} = 24$ GeV, rest at $E_{\text{beam}} = 250$ GeV
- More info available at <http://yellowpc.rhic.bnl.gov/rundb/>

- Hope to have downstream polarimeters operational soon
- Continue improving the offline framework
- Analyse all available runs
- Hopefully, polarization profiles will be available next week